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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to a First Office Action on the merits of this application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, line 25 please add the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1a-1c illustrate the manner in which the microcontact structure can be folded.

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Fig. 1d illustrates the manner in which the folded structure can be clamped in place.